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Sir:

Attached is a completed Form PTO-1449 and copies of the pertinent parts of the references cited thereon.

There are very many patents regarding devices that hold books. Most describe devices of hard plastic, wood or metal, so I have limited the references mostly to those that were simple, collapsible, and raised the book up while tilted.

I was unable to locate patents on many of the related products on the market. Some of these have soft lap cushions or are made of upholstered cushion material entirely.

Still, in no case was I able to find any air-filled product for holding up books.

Very respectfully,

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	AR	See Comparable Products (Search from 7/23/2003 - 8/8/2003) Reader Mate Pageboy Easy Reader, Wooden Book Stand, The Book Chair, The Grand Stand,
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